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City Council Preview: Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Proclamations and Honors: 5 p.m.

Mayor Susan Narvaiz and the City Council will present proclamations for Hispanic Heritage Month, Discover Texas State Week, No Impact Week, and the Common Experience. In addition, the City Council will honor Jonathan Barger for his assistance with the Extended Bar Hours research report, and recognize emergency personnel who rescued Denise Butler LaForce last summer after a mishap in the river.

7 p.m. Session:

Paso Robles Annexation

The City Council will consider the voluntary annexation and a service plan for 906.5 acres of land for the Paso Robles development at Hunter Road and Centerpoint Road on first reading. Public hearings on the proposed annexation were held on August 24 and August 31.

Adoption of the 2011 Budget, Property Tax Rate and Utility Rates

Final adoption of the tax rate, 2011 City budget, and increases in electric and drainage utility rates will be considered by the City Council. In separate items the City Council will vote on:

- A \$145,946,004 city budget and capital improvements program.
- Maintaining the property tax rate at 53.02-cents/ \$100 value, the same as the current tax rate. The rate dedicates 21.03-cents to operations and maintenance and 31.99-cents for debt service. Average homeowners will pay \$5.62 less due to lower values.
- Increase the drainage utility rate to fund storm sewer projects, mowing of rights-of-way, and drainage maintenance. Proposed monthly fees would be \$3.51 (up \$1.04) for small lots, \$5.62 (up \$1.66) for average lots, and \$6.43 (up \$1.90) for large lots.
- A 1.4% effective electric rate increase. The average residential customer will see a \$1.85 monthly increase on the electric bill.

Public Hearings: 8 p.m.

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 8 p.m. on the following item:

- A request for abandonment of an alley located parallel to San Antonio Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and adjacent to 117 Wilson and 1133 W. San Antonio.

Report on Extended Bar Hours

Police Chief Howard Williams will report back to City Council on the effects on extended bar hours (2 a.m.) implemented in May 2009. Voters approved the extension of bar hours in a non-binding referendum in November 2008. Some 29 establishments now hold extended hour permits from the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission. The City Council has periodically reviewed the impact of extended bar hours as required by the ordinance.

The agendas for City Council meeting are posted a minimum of 72 hours before the meeting online at sanmarcostx.gov/cityhall/cityclerk/CouncilAgenda.html. Regular City Council meetings are broadcast live on Time Warner Channel 10 and Grande Channel 16 and video streamed live on the City's website at sanmarcostx.gov.

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